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# Office Action Summary

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 August 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SI/02)  
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**DETAILED ACTION**

***Status of Claims***

1. Due to communications filed 2/28/08, the following is a final office action. Claims 1-17 are pending in this application and have been examined on the merits. The previous office action has been maintained, however slightly adjusted to clarify the rejection. Claims 1-17 are rejected as follows.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-5, 7-12, 14-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cahill et al (US 2002/0099574 A1), and further in view of Panico (US 2003/0162536 A1).

As per claim 1, Cahill et al discloses:

storing respective camping pad attribute information for camping pads of a camping facility, ([0040], shows that an attribute may be the dimensions of the space to be reserved, and also shows that the vehicle (or item being parked) may come in a wide range of sizes, such as a car (big, medium, or compact), a truck (large or small), various mobile units (an ambulance or news broadcasting van), a trailer, where trailers are commonly used as camping vehicles, which suggests that the space is a camping pad, w/ [0044], storing in a space attribute database);

obtaining reservation request information concerning the camping facility..., ([0047], receiving a reservation request); and

providing an indication of one or more candidate camping pads based on the respective camping pad attribute information of the camping pads of the camping facility..., ([0052]-[0053], reserving the space having the requested attributes, and notifying the requesting party of the reservation).

Cahill et al does not disclose the following:

Storing camping vehicle attributes for the given camping vehicle, but does disclose that the person requesting the reservation takes into account the attributes of the vehicle in terms of vehicle size when selecting a parking space since they must request attributes of the space as shown in [0040], thereby suggesting the storage of vehicle attribute data since this type of data must be known in order to determine which space attribute from the space attribute database should be selected.

However, Panico discloses:

Storing camping vehicle attributes for the given camping vehicle, (claim 15, lines 5-7, shows storage of vehicle attributes). Panico disclose this limitation in an analogous art for the purpose of showing that vehicle attributes are used to match parking space requests for parking space offers.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the applicant's invention to store camping vehicle attribute information with the motivation of having means to determine a space with matching space attributes.

As per claims 2, 11, Cahill et al does not disclose the following:

Wherein the camping vehicle attribute information comprises one or more of:

tip-out portion particulars/vehicle dimensions/expandable portions of the camping vehicle, but does disclose that the person requesting the reservation takes into account the attributes of the vehicle in terms of vehicle size when selecting a parking space since they must request attributes of the space as shown in [0040], thereby suggesting the storage of vehicle attribute data since this type of data must be known in order to determine which space attribute from the space attribute database should be selected.

However, Panico discloses:

Wherein the camping vehicle attribute information comprises one or more of:

tip-out portion particulars/vehicle dimensions/expandable portions of the camping vehicle, ([0026], shows vehicle attributes include vehicle geometry, [0004], end space with a adjacent room). Panico disclose this limitation in an analogous art for the purpose of showing that vehicle geometry is used to match parking space requests for parking space offers.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the applicant's invention for camping vehicle attribute information to comprise tip-out portion particulars/vehicle dimensions/expandable portions of the camping vehicle with the motivation of showing that the geometry resulting from accessories such as tip-out portion particulars/expandable portions of the camping vehicles can effect the attributes of the vehicle.

As per claim 3, Cahill et al discloses:

wherein the camping pad attribute information comprises one or more of:  
pad access attributes, ([0004], space with short cargo hauling distance or [0041],  
location in relation to exits);

As per claim 4, Cahill et al discloses:  
receiving a customer request for making a reservation at a camping facility, ([0047],  
receiving a reservation request);

searching a camping institution database for information relating to the camping  
reservation, the database comprising camping pad attribute information of camping  
facilities belonging to the camping institution, ([0010], lines 30-33, shows availability  
status database used to determine the availability of spaces having the requested  
attributes);

and generating a camping reservation at the camping facility responsive to the  
customer request, ([0010], lines 35-39, reservation request accepted if the if space with  
requested attributes available, and space is reserved).

Cahill et al does not disclose the following:

camping vehicle attributes for the given camping vehicle.

But does disclose that the person requesting the reservation takes into account  
the attributes of the vehicle in terms of vehicle size when selecting a parking space  
since they must request attributes of the space as shown in [0040], thereby suggesting  
the incorporation of vehicle attribute data since this type of data must be known in order  
to determine which space attribute from the space attribute database should be  
selected.

However, Panico discloses:

camping vehicle attributes for the given camping vehicle, (claim 15, lines 5-7, shows storage of vehicle attributes). Panico disclose this limitation in an analogous art for the purpose of showing that vehicle attributes are used to match parking space requests for parking space offers.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the applicant's invention to incorporate camping vehicle attribute information with the motivation of having means to determine a space with matching space attributes.

As per claim 5, Cahill et al discloses:

further comprising providing a user with alternative camping facility information when a reservation cannot be made according to the camping vehicle attribute information and the camping pad attribute information, ([0059], substitute alternate space).

As per claim 6, Cahill et al discloses:

further comprising generating one or more of promotional information, discounts, and coupons according to a user's account information, ([0071], discount).

As per claim 7, Cahill et al discloses:

wherein the camping vehicle attribute information comprises one or more of sewer connection information, water connection information and phone line connection information, ([0037], cell phone, land lines).

As per claim 8, Cahill et al discloses:

wherein the camping vehicle attribute information comprises camping vehicle attachment information relating to one or more of a boat, a trailer, and a motor vehicle, ([0040], shows that an attribute may be the dimensions of the space to be reserved, and also shows that the vehicle (or item being parked) may come in a wide range of sizes, such as a car (big, medium, or compact), a truck (large or small), various mobile units (an ambulance or news broadcasting van), a trailer,)

As per claim 9, 10, Cahill et al does not specifically disclose the following, however does disclose the person requesting the reservation takes into account the attributes of the vehicle in terms of vehicle size when selecting a parking space since they must request attributes of the space as shown in [0040], thereby suggesting the storage of vehicle attribute data since this type of data must be known in order to determine which space attribute from the space attribute database should be selected.

However, Panico discloses:

wherein the camping vehicle attribute information comprises a make and model of the camping vehicle/ dimensions of the camping vehicle, [0026], make, model, geometry length and width). Panico discloses this limitation in an analogous art for the purpose of showing that the make, model and geometry of a vehicle is used to match space offers with space requests.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the applicant's invention for the camping vehicle attributes to comprise a make, model and dimensions of the camping vehicle with the motivation of determining the type of vehicle for accommodating it into a certain type of space.



As per claim 12, Cahill et al discloses:

wherein the camping vehicle attribute information comprises a date of arrival and a date of departure at the camping facility, ([0048], arrival of vehicle/when vehicle vacates space).

As per claim 14, Cahill et al discloses:

wherein the camping vehicle attribute information comprises a location of a camping pad within the camping facility of a camping institution, ([0041], location within the parking area).

As per claims 15, 16 and 17, Cahill et al discloses:

accessing a website of a camping institution; accessing a reservation area of said website, ([0037], server's website is shown to maintain the availability status database, which is available during the reservation process);

acquiring reservation information for making a reservation at a camping facility, ([0003], computer with web interface can be used to request reservation, and used to access availability database which identifies each space by a unique ID number and contains the availability (either available or not available) for that space at a particular time, and the server determines if a space is available and reserves that space by ID number for the requesting party);

acquiring user accommodation information comprising information about user preferences at the camping facility, ([0041] preference by way of location);

searching a camping institution database containing camping pad attribute

information regarding camping facilities of the camping institution, ([0010], lines 30-33, shows availability status database used to determine the availability of spaces having the requested attributes);

generating camping facility reservation information according to...the reservation information and the accommodation information/reserving a camping facility according to the...reservation information and the accommodation information, ([0010], lines 35-39, reservation request accepted if the if space with requested attributes available, and space is reserved);

acquiring payment information for payment of the camping facility reservation, ([0072], charge rate).

Cahill et al does not disclose the following:

camping vehicle attributes for the given camping vehicle.

But does disclose that the person requesting the reservation takes into account the attributes of the vehicle in terms of vehicle size when selecting a parking space since they must request attributes of the space as shown in [0040], thereby suggesting the incorporation of vehicle attribute data since this type of data must be known in order to determine which space attribute from the space attribute database should be selected.

However, Panico discloses:

camping vehicle attributes for the given camping vehicle, (claim 15, lines 5-7, shows storage of vehicle attributes). Panico disclose this limitation in an analogous art

for the purpose of showing that vehicle attributes are used to match parking space requests for parking space offers.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the applicant's invention to incorporate camping vehicle attribute information with the motivation of having means to determine a space with matching space attributes.

4. Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cahill et al (US 2002/0099574 A1), and further in view of Panico (US 2003/0162536 A1), and further in view of Inokuchi (US 2004/0080510 A1).

As per claim 13, neither Cahill et al nor Panico disclose the following, but Cahill et al discloses a historical record for an individual driver, a vehicle or a fleet of vehicles in [0037].

However, Inokuchi discloses:

wherein the camping vehicle attribute information comprises the number of people who will be staying at the camping facility, ([0049], attributes classes include number of users along with information on recreation facilities). Inokuchi discloses this limitation in an analogous art for the purpose of showing that information about the number of users and a recreational facility can be assigned together in a display and related through positioning information.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the applicant's invention for the camping vehicle information to comprise the number of people who will be staying at the camping facility with the motivation of showing that the number of people can have an effect on the reservation.

***Response to Arguments***

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-17 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Applicant argues that both Cahill and Panico are directed to reserving and assigning parking spaces, not camping pads. Applicant submits that parking spaces are very different from camping pads since when one parks a vehicle in a parking space, especially in urban parking lots, the vehicle is parked and the occupants exit the vehicle and leave the parking lot. However, the rejection is based on the combination of both Cahill and Panico. However, specifically in [0040] of Cahill a trailer is disclosed for the vehicle being parked, where trailers are commonly used as camping vehicles, which suggests that the space is a camping pad.

Applicant also argues that the combination of Cahill and Panico fails to teach or even suggest "storing respective camping pad attribute information for camping pads of a camping facility; storing camping vehicle attribute information for a given camping vehicle; obtaining reservation request information concerning the camping facility and the given camping vehicle". However, [0040] of Cahill shows that an attribute may be the dimensions of the space to be reserved or where the vehicle will park, where as shown in the preceding paragraph that the vehicle is a trailer, which are commonly used as camping vehicles. This represents "storing respective camping pad attribute information". In addition, the combination of Cahill and Panico discloses "storing camping vehicle attribute information". First Cahill discloses that the person requesting the reservation takes into account the attributes of the vehicle in terms of vehicle size

when selecting a parking space since they must request attributes of the space as shown in [0040], which thereby suggests the storage of vehicle attribute data since this type of data must be known in order to determine which space attribute from the space attribute database should be selected. However, Panico specifically discloses the storage of vehicle attributes as shown in claim 15, lines 5-7 for the purpose of showing that vehicle attributes are used to match parking space requests for parking space offers. Finally, "obtaining reservation request information concerning the camping facility and the given camping vehicle" is disclosed by Cahill in [0047], where receiving a reservation request is shown.

In addition, applicant argues that prior art does not teach storing information about the telephone, water, sewage hookups/expandable portions/tip-out portions of a perspective camping vehicle in a database so that this information can be used in making reservations a parking space, especially in an urban parking lot, since an urban parking lot does not have connections for phone lines, sewer, water and tip-out portions hookups because they are designed for vehicle storage, not camping. However, since Cahill discloses that the vehicle is represented by a trailer in [0040], where trailers are commonly used as camping vehicles, this argument is moot. Finally, applicant argues that prior art fails to disclose "wherein the camping vehicle attribute information comprises the number of people who will be staying at the camping facility." However, the combination of Cahill, Panico, and Inokuchi discloses this feature. Specifically, Inokuchi discloses attributes classes that include number of users along with information on recreation facilities in [0049] for the purpose of showing that

information about the number of users and a recreational facility can be assigned together in a display and related through positioning information. Since the number of users accessing specific recreation information is disclosed by Inokuchi, this suggests that the same number of people accessing the recreation information will make a reservation, and therefore the same number of people will stay at the location of the recreation activity.

### ***Conclusion***

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Akiba K Robinson-Boyce whose telephone number is 571-272-6734. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9am-5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Hayes can be reached on 571-272-6708. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-3900.

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November 12, 2008

/Akiba K Robinson-Boyce/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3628